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FM AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SUBJECT: IRISH AMBASSADOR FOR CAIRO

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1. EMBASSY DUBLIN WAS BEMUSED BY THE INFORMATION THAT THE NEW IRISH AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO PITCHED UP IN ALEXANDRIA IN MARCH 3 WITHOUT NOTIFYING ITALIANS WHO HAVE BEEN PROTECTING POWER FOR THE IRISH FOR ALMOST A DECADE. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES ON A NON-RESIDENT BASIS WHICH INCLUDED THE IRISH AMBASSADOR TO ITALY BEING ACCREDITED TO CAIRO. WE ALSO HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE WERE "NO PRESENT PLANS TO ESTABLISH AN EXCHANGE OF RESIDENT AMBASSADORS BETWEEN CAIRO AND DUBLIN".

2. ACCORDING TO THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTRY THE GOI STILL HAS NO

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INTENTION TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN CAIRO NOR ARE THERE PRESENT

PLANS TO RECEIVE AN EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HERE. THE STORY, AS BEST WE CAN PIECE IT TOGETHER, IS THAT AMBASSADOR MCDONALD RETIRED FROM HIS POST IN ROME AND FROM THE IRISH FOREIGN SERVICE. SEAN KENNAN WILL TAKE UP HIS POST IN ROME WHEN HIS HEALTH PERMITS. MCDONALD WAS ASKED TO RETAIN HIS POSITION AS NONRESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO BUT SINCE HE HAS NOT DECIDED WHERE HE WILL RETIRE NO ONE SEEKS TO KNOW WHERE IN EUROPE HE WILL OPERATE FROM IN CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES. THE GOI ASSURED US THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING AN EMBASSY IN CAIRO "IN THE REGULAR SENSE OF THE WORD" BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MCDONALD MAY BE OPERATING OUT OF A HOTEL ROOM IN CAIRO FOR SOME TIME TO COME. "GOD KNOWS, HE MAY DECIDE TO RETIRE IN EGYPT IF HE LIKES IT." MOORE

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